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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EWWT, SA

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF U.S.-FLAG VESSEL

1. AMERICAN EXPORT LINES (AEL) EXECUTIVES HAVE INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING: ONE OF THEIR VESSELS, THE SS EXPORT AGENT, WAS DETAINED IN JIDDA JANUARY 19-23. SAUDI OFFICIALS DISCOVERED AN ENTRY IN THE SHIP'S LOG THAT THE VESSEL HAD CALLED AT HAIFA ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO. ACCORDING TO AEL, THE SAUDIS POSTED ARMED GUARDS ON THE VESSEL AND THE LOCAL BOYCOTT OFFICE MADE A THOROUGH INSPECTION OF THE VESSEL'S LOG AND CARGO STORAGE PLAN. AEL WAS WARNED THAT IN THE FUTURE, ALL AEL VESSELS WOULD BE SIMILARLY DETAINED AND INSPECTED. AEL WAS REQUESTED
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TO CHECK WITH THE DAMASCUS BOYCOTT OFFICE, WHICH AEL SAYS IT WILL AVOID DOING.

2. AEL IS CONCERNED AT HAVING ARMED GUARDS POSTED ON THEIR VESSELS AND THE CONSEQUENT DANGER THAT SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN TO A CREW MEMBER. THEY ARE ALSO CONCERNED AT THE SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL LOSS THAT RESULTS FROM HAVING

A VESSEL IDLED IN PORT. THE NEXT AEL VESSEL TO CALL AT A SAUDI PORT SHOULD ARRIVE IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

3. AEL HAS ALSO HEARD THAT TWO OTHER U.S.-FLAG VESSELS HAVE BEEN DETAINED RECENTLY IN SAUDI PORTS.
 4. EMBASSY REPORT REQUESTED ON EXPORT AGENT DETENTION, AND ON LIKELIHOOD THAT OTHER AEL SHIPS WILL BE DETAINED IN MAKING FUTURE CALLS AT SAUDI PORTS. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF U.S.-FLAG VESSELS OF OTHER LINES HAVE BEEN DETAINED IN RECENT WEEKS AND, IF SO, WHY THEY WERE DETAINED AND THE NAMES OF THE VESSELS. AN INTERIM REPLY ON NAMES OF OTHER VESSELS DETAINED WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL.
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